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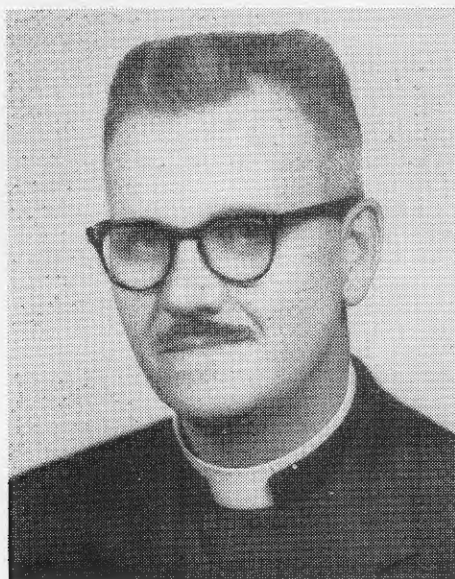
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1960 SOUTHEAST CONVENTION ISSUE



REV. GUY L. COLBERT

Report Of The Moderator

It has been a great privilege to serve the Southeast Convention of Congregational Christian Churches as Moderator for the past year. I want to particularly thank our beloved Superintendent, Director of Religious Education, and the Staff of the Southeast Convention. Under their patient and understanding leadership the future of Congregational Christianity and of the United Church of Christ in the Southeast is in good and safe hands.

It was a great privilege to represent the Convention as one of the delegates to General Synod and in various contacts with our E & R brethren. We had hoped to visit more of our churches in the area during the year, but we assumed ad interim responsibility for the United Church of Christ Mission in August, and this, together with our responsibility as Area Minister in North Alabama, has kept our calendar full.

We do want to thank the following persons and groups for their support, hospitality, their hard work, and their good will: the Board of Directors and the various committees of the Convention; the Reverends Anderson, Flannery, Harris, and Blankenhorn, their families and churches; the Southern Union College; and two St. John's E & R churches in Alabama. Above all, I owe a great and continuing debt of thanks to all of the North Alabama churches and their leadership for their help and support. Only you pastors' wives know the debt of thanks I owe to Frances for her help and cooperation.

May God bless all who labor for His

Committee On Stewardship And Missionary Education

The Committee on Stewardship and Missionary Education met at the beginning of the year and worked out the suggested goals for Our Christian World Mission. There was considerable study made of each local church, keeping in mind the fact that we are striving to reach the time when the Southeast Convention can become self-supporting.

In our program of progress it is the hope of the committee, as well as every church in the convention, that we continue to work toward our goal of self-support. To do this it is necessary for each church to increase its giving to Our Christian World Mission 15% each year. We realize that some churches will be able to do even more than this and there are churches that cannot increase that much, but we trust that the overall program of giving to Our Christian World Mission will amount to a 15% increase.

The Committee on Stewardship and Missionary Education last year recommended twelve objectives in Stewardship and Missionary Education, and Promotion of Our Christian World Mission, asking each Association to adopt similar objectives and get official backing from the local churches at their annual meetings. Then when local churches are contacted, these objectives can be pointed to as official objectives of the churches and associations. At the end of the year mimeographed reports could be made available for distribution at Association meetings and at the annual meeting of the Southeast Convention, indicating which churches have made progress on which objectives for the following year.

It is the hope of the chairman that each church, at the meeting of the Southeast Convention, will have copies given to him indicating which of these objectives you have accomplished. I would hope to receive these objectives before this report is given at the Convention.

Charles W. Bell, Chairman
Committee on Stewardship and
Missionary Education

glory and who acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

Guy L. Colbert, Moderator
Southeast Convention



DR. TRUMAN B. DOUGLASS

THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Rev. Dr. Truman B. Douglass, New York City, executive vice-president of the Board of Home Missions of the Congregational Christian Churches, is the leading Protestant spokesman on the place of religion in American culture.

It is a privilege for the Southeast Convention to have Dr. Douglass for the keynote speaker for the eighth annual sessions of the Convention.

In addition to being the executive head of the Board of Home Missions, one of the major boards of our denomination, Dr. Douglass holds many other responsible positions. He is a member of the General Board of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. He serves on the boards of managers of both the Broadcasting and Film Commission and the Division of Home Missions of that body. He is chairman of the Council's Department of Worship and the Arts.

Widely known as an author and lecturer, Dr. Douglass has written three books: *Why Go To Church* (1957); *Preaching and the New Reformation* (1956); and *Mission to America* (1951). Dr. Douglass delivered the Lyman Beecher Lectures at Yale University Divinity School in June, 1951.

A graduate of Pomona (California) College in 1923, he did graduate work at Union Theological Seminary, New York City, and Columbia University, from which he received an M. A. degree in 1927. Five colleges have awarded him honorary doctor's degrees.

Christian Education Committee Report

This has been a good year for this committee, with two very successful meetings during the year and many plans made and seen put into effect. Our attendance has been fairly good, but as yet we have not found the answer to representation from all areas of the Convention at meetings.

The committee has helped in the planning of various things, such as the Church Vocations Conference, Work Camp, Summer Conference Leaders Training Sessions, and USF. Much time was spent in surveying our responsibilities and translating this into a budget to be submitted to the Southeast Convention's Budget Committee. This, I feel, was helpful to them and to us.

The committee also worked out a list of ten "Goals for the Local Church for 1960", which appeared in the January issue of the Southeast News. If you have not seen them, please ask your Association or Conference chairman to make a copy for you, as each has a copy in his minutes of our meetings. We do hope they will prove helpful to you, especially for use by the local board of Christian Education in carrying out its work in your churches.

Last summer, two from the Convention, Mrs. Kermit Harris and Mrs. Carl Sanford, attended a conference at which they learned about the new Sunday School material being published for pre-schoolers. We hope that you will invite one of these to your church (or group of churches) to help you and your parents and teachers prepare for the use of the new Nursery course, "3's in Christian Community," which will be ready to use next fall (1960). Your Association or Conference chairman can help you make plans.

The Leadership Growth Workshops, which you have already heard about and certainly will hear more about, has consumed the majority of the time at our meetings. These are now planned for August 11-14 (Southern Union); August 14-18 (Pine Mountain, Ga.); and August 19-21 (Pilgrim Church, Chattanooga, Tenn.); with three national leaders on the staff of each. We feel that this is the biggest thing to come to our area and each church should plan to send at least one person (\$13.00 - \$15.00, depending on which you attend). We hope each of you will back your committee in its plans for

Report Of The Women's Fellowship

The theme of Woman's Fellowship work this year is "Move We On Together." For me it has been more than just a theme. I was elected president of the Southeast Convention at the annual meeting in April at East Tallassee, Alabama, and I started a busy year by helping to prepare the Convention Year Book.

Other than the routine work, I attended two SEC Board meetings and served on the program and nominating committees. I attended the Alabama, West Florida, and Georgia Retreats.

I was the guest speaker at the East Association Conference, Woman's Fellowship Day, at the United Congregational Church, LaGrange, Georgia, and took part in the program at the East Tallassee Church.

Because I wanted to see more of the work of the Convention, I took the liberty of inviting myself to attend the summer camps at Southern Union College and at Pine Mountain, Georgia. I also attended all of the Fall Association and Conference meetings in the Convention. I spoke at each of these about Southeast News, United Church Herald, Southern Union College, and Women's Fellowship work. I am grateful to Miss Annie Campbell, the deans and leaders, for this wonderful experience.

Soon after returning from Mid-Winter Meeting at Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania, I attended the planning session in Atlanta, Georgia. I met with the state, Association, and Conference presidents, and the department chairmen, along with the Rev. Miss Annie Campbell, to prepare the work for the coming year. This was one of the best sessions we have ever had and I believe with the help of all the women, this next year will be a very successful one.

"Not alone we conquer, not alone we fall, in each loss or triumph, lose or triumph all. Bound by God's far purpose, in one living whole, move we on together, to the shining goal."

Jettie Logan (Mrs. G. F.)
President, Southeast
Convention Women's Fellowship

the workshops and help our Convention grow as its leaders grow.

Shirley N. Berry, Chairman
Committee on Christian Education and Youth Work

Report Of The Committee On Christian Social Action

I have no report. It is with much shame I have to admit it. I accepted the chairmanship very much against my better judgment. My deep sense of obligation won over and I agreed to serve. Just what did I serve? A complete block!

A few of the problems we face in World Peace, Mental Health, The Aging, Human Relations, Distribution and Sale of Indecent Reading Materials, Immoral Television Shows and Movies, should be enough to keep each of us busy sharing in the betterment and correction of such.

Dr. Frank C. Laubach suggests something refreshingly different, and proven effective, in the approach to our lawmakers. Write letters, but not to ridicule and criticize. Tell them we know their responsibilities are heavy, we appreciate their concern, and that we are praying for them!

We were taught by God to love. When we love, we care, share and serve. May we be reminded, as Christians, that we must have the courage to be fair enough to give careful and prayerful consideration to each problem facing us.

A CHRISTIAN IS A PERSONALITY. AS SUCH, LET US EVER BE REMINDED — WE SPEAK, WE ACT, AND WE LIVE.

Mrs. A. D. Harry, Chairman
Christian Social Action

Dates To Remember

- April 30-May 1 — Southeast Convention PF/YF, Chattanooga, Tenn.
- May 3-5 — Spring Minister's Convocation, Camp Winnataska, Alabama
- May 27-29 — Southeast Convention Churchmen's Fellowship Retreat, Cheaha State Park, Anniston, Ala.
- June 10 — Kentucky-Tennessee Women's Fellowship Retreat
- July 15-16 — Georgia - S. C. Women's Fellowship Retreat
- July 18-22 — Southern Social Action Institute, Blue Ridge Assembly
- July 22-23 — Alabama-N. W. Florida Women's Fellowship Retreat
- August 11-14 — Leadership Growth Workshop, Southern Union
- August 14-18 — Leadership Growth Workshop, Pine Mountain, Ga.
- August 19-21 — Leadership Growth Workshop, Chattanooga, Tenn.

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"DO YOU SUBSCRIBE?"

If THE SOUTHEAST NEWS is to be an effective organ to inform the people of the churches of the Southeast Convention of activities and programs and news throughout the Convention and the National Fellowship, to promote the program of the Convention and the common interests of the churches and to foster closer fellowship among the people and churches, its list of subscribers must grow.

Local churches can be of great help by designating a person within the membership to secure subscriptions to THE SOUTHEAST NEWS.

When 10% of the membership of a church subscribes, the cost is just \$1.00 per subscription per year. Every church is urged to make the effort to secure subscriptions from 10% of its members.

During this annual meeting, during the fall Association and Conference meetings, and during any of the meetings or rallies of the women's, laymen's, and young people's organizations, the special rate of \$1.00 per year is in effect.

We do not have many subscribers to THE UNITED CHURCH HERALD throughout the Southeast Convention. This is an excellent magazine, published by our National Fellowship. Through it we can become informed about our work at home and abroad. Through it we are introduced to the people of our Fellowship in our own land and around the world. The subscription rate is \$2.50 per year.

SOUTHEAST CONVENTION FINANCIAL STATEMENT

January 1, 1959 - December 31, 1959

RECEIPTS

Budgeted Receipts			
Board of Home Missions, Regular	\$14,738.80		
Board of Home Missions, SSS	800.00		
Miscellaneous	1,691.86	\$17,230.66	
OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION			
Central Alabama Association	566.78		
East Alabama Association	6,566.29		
North Alabama Association	1,533.00		
S. Alabama-N. W. Florida	1,553.71		
Georgia-South Carolina Conference	9,618.67		
Kentucky-Tennessee Conference	9,313.39	\$29,151.84	
(Total Budgeted Receipts)	\$46,382.50		
Unbudgeted Receipts			
Board of Home Missions, Church Aid	\$24,558.11		
For Veterans of the Cross	170.80		
Southern Union College	1,366.09		
Congregational Christian Foundation	500.00		
Per Capita Dues 1959	2,262.85		
Miscellaneous Accounts	3,467.89		
(Total Unbudgeted Receipts)	\$32,325.74	\$32,325.74	
Total Receipts, Budgeted-Unbudgeted		\$78,708.24	

DISBURSEMENTS

Budgeted Disbursements			
Salaries	\$11,728.17		
Office (Rent, Equip., Misc.)	1,186.56		
Organization (Board, Committees)	1,036.81		
Supplies and Materials	1,818.01		
SOUTHEAST NEWS	1,374.20		
Travel (Supt. & Min. Chr. Edu.)	5,728.58		
Parsonage (Note, Ins., Maintenance)	1,435.56		
Student Summer Service	831.81		
Miscellaneous Accounts	2,683.09		
AID TO CHURCHES	7,694.08		
OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION (National)	8,061.16	\$43,577.03	
Unbudgeted Disbursements			
Bd. Home Missions Aid to Churches	\$24,916.60		
Southern Union College	1,664.39		
Congregational Christian Foundation	500.00		
Per Capita Dues, General Council	2,329.75		
Miscellaneous Accounts	3,251.57	\$32,662.31	
Total Disbursements, Budgeted-Unbudgeted		\$76,239.34	

RECAPITULATION

Receipts 1959	\$78,708.24
Disbursements 1959	76,239.34
Balance	2,468.90
Plus Salary Deductions	530.21
	\$ 2,999.11
Plus Balance 1-1-59	3,946.76
Total Balance, Dec. 31, 1959	\$ 6,945.87

Respectfully submitted,
W. J. Strickland, Treasurer

EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING

Southeast Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, Inc.

APRIL 2 - 3, 1960

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Andalusia, Alabama

The Convention Theme: "Christ for the World"

The Convention Hymn: "Christ for the World We Sing"

PROGRAM

Saturday, April 2nd (Central Standard Time)

- 10:30 A. M. Call to Order: Rev. Guy L. Colbert, Moderator
Invocation: The Chaplain, Rev. A. Ray Meserve
Hymn: "Christ for the World We Sing" — No. 399
Welcome: Rev. J. Kermit Harris
Response: Rev. Guy L. Colbert
Recognition of Fraternal Delegates and Visitors
Adoption of Program
- 10:45 A. M. Presentation of the Minutes of the 1959 Annual Meeting
The Report of the Treasurer: Mr. W. J. Strickland
The Report of the Moderator: Rev. Guy L. Colbert
The Report of the Minister of Christian Education: Rev. Annie R. Campbell
The Appointment of Committees
Business Committee
Resolutions Committee
- 11:30 A. M. The Christian Higher Education Fund
Rev. Frederick A. Meyer, Regional Director
Rev. R. Hugh Lasseter, Southeast Convention Chairman
- 12:00 The Report of the Committee on Christian Education: Mrs. W. Raymond Berry, Chairman
"The Southeast News" — Mrs. Jettie Logan
- 12:15 The Morning Devotions
- 12:30 Announcements
Lunch

- 1:30 P. M. Call to Order: The Moderator
 Devotions: The Chaplain, Rev. A. Ray Meserve
 The Report of the Nominating Committee: Rev. Warren A. Blankenhorn, Chairman
 The Report of the Committee on the Ministry and Churches: Rev. Olin E. Sheppard, Chairman
 The Report of the Committee on Stewardship and Missionary Education: Rev. Charles W. Bell, Chairman
 The Report of the Committee on Survey and Church Aid: Rev. Arnold Slater, Chairman
- 2:40 P. M. The Report of the Superintendent: Rev. James H. Lightbourne Jr.
- 2:55 P. M. Hymn
- 3:00 P. M. Address: "The Church of Christ Faces American Life" — Rev. Dr. Truman B. Douglass, Executive Vice-President, The Board of Home Missions of the Congregational Christian Churches
- 4:00 P. M. Hymn
 The Report of Southern Union College: Dr. Walter A. Graham, President
- 4:30 P. M. The Report of the Congregational Christian Foundation: Rev. Arnold Slater, Chairman
 The Report of the Committee on Evangelism: Rev. Carroll W. Lewis, Chairman
 The Report of the Committee on Christian Social Action: Mrs. A. D. Harry, Chairman
- 5:00 P. M. The United Church Herald: Mrs. Jettie Logan
 The Election of Officers
 Recess
- 7:00 P. M. Women's Fellowship Banquet: Mrs. Jettie Logan, President
 Churchmen's Fellowship Banquet: Mr. W. P. Ingram, President

Sunday, April 3rd

- 9:00 A. M. Call to Order: Rev. Guy L. Colbert, Moderator
 Devotional: The Chaplain, Rev. A. Ray Meserve
 Report of the Women's Fellowship: Mrs. Jettie Logan, President
 Report of the Churchmen's Fellowship: W. P. Ingram, President
 Report of the Pilgrim Fellowship: Miss Peggy Hammock, President
 The Church Builder's Club: Rev. D. Herbert Long, President
 Miscellaneous Business
 Business Committee
 Recess
- 11:00 A. M. Service of Worship: Rev. J. Kermit Harris
 Sermon: "Christ and Personal Identity": Dr. Truman B. Douglass
- 12:15 P. M. Dinner
- 1:15 P. M. Call to Order: The Moderator
 Report of the Resolutions Committee
 Installation of Officers and Committees
 The Memorial Silence
 The Observance of the Lord's Supper: Rev. A. Ray Meserve
 Final Adjournment

Committee On Evangelism

Your chairman on Evangelism has been a full-time seminary student this year and therefore has done a poor job. However, several reports from local churches indicate that a spirit of evangelism is moving and this is indeed encouraging.

A letter with a booklet on "Lay Visitation" was sent to each of the pastors and churches. We trust that this method of Jesus will be adopted by more churches and that "regular" lay visitation evangelism will become a part of every church.

We would make the following recommendations for the coming year:

1. A workshop on Evangelism be conducted in each of the Associations within the Convention. These workshops would be on the nature of those held in other Conventions and Conferences — one day for each Association, with possibly a worker from our National Board and our Superintendent as leaders.

2. A new emphasis on prayer. Encourage family devotions using our new publications on "Daily Devotions." Work toward a prayer movement throughout the entire church.

3. Set a minimum goal of new members to win to Christ and His church this next year. Our Superintendent has suggested a challenging increase in members for the Southeast Convention. Let us unite to make this a reality.

4. A better trained membership. We encourage pastors to have membership classes. Too many of our people don't know what we believe. This is an excellent opportunity for the pastor to give the purposes, significance and requirements of church membership. It is an excellent opportunity to teach the basic beliefs of a Christian and the teachings of our Congregational Christian Church. (Possibly several members would like to be included in these classes, although they have been members of the church for many years.).

I pray this shall be a great year in the Southeast Convention. I have thoroughly enjoyed by time here and shall long treasure my friendship with you. Superintendent Lightbourne has been one of the best friends I have ever known. Cooperate with him and the new Chairman on Evangelism to make this an outstanding year.

Carroll W. Lewis, Chairman
Committee on Evangelism

Churchmen's Fellowship

We have a new organization of men in the Southeast Convention area—the North Alabama United Churchmen's Fellowship. This is a joint venture with our Evangelical and Reformed churches in the area of the North Alabama Association of Congregational Christian Churches. There were more than 40 men present at the organizational meeting at St. John's United Church of Cullman, Alabama, on Monday night, February 22. Most of the churches of the area were represented, including representatives from Huntsville, Alabama. Reverend Robert E. Briggeman, pastor of Salem United Church, Norwood, Ohio, was our guest speaker, and gave us an inspiring message on "Men and The Church." Through this organization we hope to promote fellowship among our E & R and C C churchmen in North Alabama, and to be helpful in many other ways as the United Church of Christ becomes a reality.

Our attention is now focused on the Southeast Convention Area Churchmen's Fellowship Retreat to be held at beautiful Cheaha State Park near Anniston, Alabama, May 27, 28, 29, 1960. This retreat is for laymen and ministers, too, of both the E & R and C C churches. Leaders for the retreat will be Dr. Kenneth Kohler, Executive Secretary of the Churchmen's Brotherhood of the Evangelical and Reformed Church; Dr. Walter A. Graham, president of Southern Union College; and our Superintendent, the Rev. James H. Lightbourne Jr.

Trying to fill the shoes of our former president, Art Snell, has been no easy task. We have failed in many ways in getting the things accomplished which we set as our goal at the 1959 meeting at East Tallassee, Alabama. However, we do feel that some progress has been made and that more of our goals will yet be attained.

There were responsibilities and privileges attached to the office of President of the Convention Churchmen's Fellowship of which I was unaware at the time of election last April, but all of which have added many happy experiences to what little work I have been able to do. Shortly after the 1959 annual meeting I attended a Regional meeting of State and Convention presidents at Elon College, North Carolina. There we discussed such specific needs as training of key laymen, lay preach-

Report Of Committee On Survey And Church Aid

During the past year the following churches and projects were granted financial assistance by the Southeast Convention and/or the Board of Home Missions.

North Alabama Association — Pastor at Large and Minister's Travel
Alexander City, Hunt
Hackleburg, Fairview
Haleyville, Union Grove
Huntsville, (new project)
Phenix City, Russell Woods
Shawmut, Todd
Trinity, First
Knoxville, First
Nashville, Brookmeade United
Pleasant Hill
Robbins Parish
Douglas (Ga.) First

Financial aid is granted by the Committee on Survey and Church Aid and approval of the committee following a study of the situation.

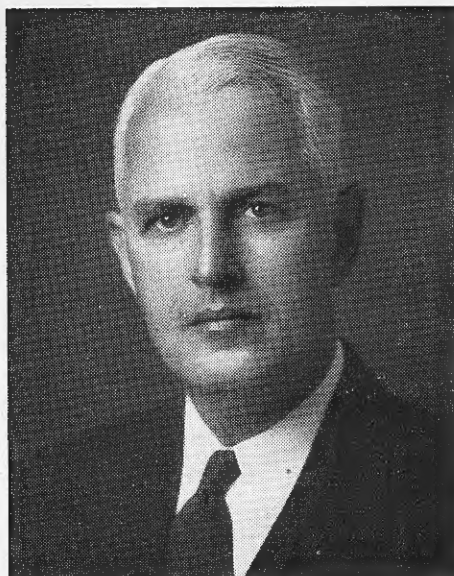
Rev. Arnold Slater, Chairman

ing, Christian wills, tithing and stewardship, and recruiting young people for full time Christian work.

Because of conflicting schedules I was unable to attend some of the Association and State Conference meetings. I did get to the North Alabama Association and to the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference during the fall of 1959. Another privilege has been to represent the Fellowship in attending the meetings of the Board of Directors of the Convention.

A very special privilege and responsibility, too, is to represent the Convention Fellowship at the Mid-Winter Meeting at Buck Hill Falls, Penn. There the state and Convention presidents of our entire Fellowship met January 29-February 1, to discuss our Fellowship work from all levels. Mr. William E. Peterson, our National Director, and Dr. Kenneth Kohler of the E & R Church, kept us busy from the time of our arrival until time to depart for home. We heard some of our national leaders tell about the work of the Board of Home Missions, the Christian Higher Education Fund, Constitution for The United Church of Christ, and other matters of interest to Christian laymen.

W. Pressley Ingram, President
Churchmen's Fellowship



REV. FREDERICK A. MEYER
Central Regional Director of the
Christian Higher Education Fund

Report Of Committee On Ministry And The Churches

During the past year the Committee sponsored two convocations of the ministers of the Southeast Convention, one in the spring of 1959 and one in the fall. The committee also cooperated in the sponsorship of the first Pre-Lenten Southern Minister's Convocation held in February at Franklinton Center, Bricks, N. C.

The committee sent a communication to the various associations and conferences of the convention pointing out that when we ordain men to the ministry who have not completed both college and seminary training the ordination will be recognized throughout the convention, but should the minister transfer outside the convention the matter of his ministerial standing will rest with the body to which he is moving. Some Congregational Christian Conferences and Associations demand that a minister has completed both college and seminary, or their equivalent before he is eligible for ordination.

The spring Minister's Convocation will be held on May 3-5, Camp Winnataska, near Birmingham, Alabama. The Reverend Russell T. Loesch, Minister to Armed Forces and Chaplains of our Congregational Christian Churches, and Rev. Henry Smith Leiper, formerly Minister of our Missions Council, will be the guest leaders.

Rev. Olin E. Sheppard,
Chairman

The Report Of The Registrar

Supt. J. H. Lightbourne, Jr.

Figures by themselves cannot reproduce accurately the picture of a situation. They can, however, give valid insight into it. On this premise it seems wise to share certain figures with you.

First, the number of churches in the convention has been reduced from 119 to 117. Both First Church and Society Hill Church, Fort Valley, Ga., saw fit to withdraw last year and unite with the Missionary Baptist denomination.

The two churches had a membership between them of 100. Therefore, our total membership dropped by 4 members from 9982 to 9578. There is encouragement in the fact that our 117 churches actually increased in membership, although the increase was less than one member per church.

Last year we reported 104 Sunday Schools with a membership of 6134. This year 96 with a membership of 5868 were reported. More than likely these figures indicate poor reporting rather than a drop in the number of Sunday Schools. The same is true for youth groups. Last year 44 were reported with a membership of 902. This year the figures were 39 and 775.

This leads me once again to urge that ministers and churches take seriously the annual reports. It would be so helpful if you would see that they are completed and correctly so.

The financial picture is brighter. Last year the churches contributed \$27,015 to OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION. This year the figure is \$30,520. This means an increase of over \$3000, which is enough to keep us on schedule in Our Program of Progress.

In local expenses the increase was significant. Last year the local expense figure for all of the churches was \$351,170. This year the figure is \$406,404 — an increase of over \$50,000. If expenditures at the local level can be increased this much in a year, certainly there is grounds for hope that OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION contributions can be increased.

The value of local church property has increased from \$3,081,100 to \$3,533,700. \$443,900 was spent on new church buildings this year. 35 churches report owning parsonages.

All of these figures taken together indicate to me at least two things: (1) Great progress has been made in past years, and (2) the future holds its challenge before us.



REV. AND MRS. A. RAY MESERVE

THE CONVENTION CHAPLAIN

The Reverend A. Ray Meserve, Minister of the First Congregational Christian Church, Knoxville, Tennessee, is the Chaplain for the Eighth Annual Sessions of the Southeast Convention.

Report Of Christian Higher Education Fund

The following churches have voted to accept the quotas indicated in the Christian Higher Education Fund Campaign:

Kentucky-Tennessee

Crossville	\$ 450
Daisy	450
Deer Lodge	150
Evarts	450
Glen Mary	150
Knoxville	3,000
Nashville	750
Pleasant Hill	900
Robbins	100
	\$ 6,400

Georgia

Atlanta, Center	\$ 50
Atlanta, Central	3,600
Barnesville, Fredonia	250
LaGrange, United	1,200
	\$ 5,100

Alabama

Andalusia, Antioch	\$ 250
Andalusia, First	200
Birmingham, Pilgrim	1,000
East Tallassee	400
Lineville, New Harmony	50*
Moulton, Jones Chapel	25*
Roanoke, Lowell	300
Wadley	500
	\$ 2,725

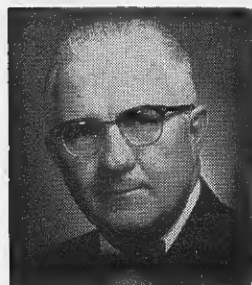
Total Pledges	\$14,225.00
Ky.-Tenn. Sum. Conf.	31.27
Grand Total	\$14,256.27

Rev. Hugh Lasseter, Chairman

The Southern Union College

WALTER A. GRAHAM, President

One of the first words to be included in this third annual report, as was true of my two prior reports, is "THANKS" to the churches, groups of men and women, as well as individual persons



who have done so much for the college this year. For the first time in a good many years, especially since 1958, our income exceeded our expenses, the former being \$167,-896.80, while the latter was \$166,-

521.31, or an excess of income over expense of \$1,375.49. Truly we are grateful for this condition.

Materials have already been ordered, some of them delivered and paid for (discount was deducted, too, for prompt payment), and plans are moving right ahead to have the addition to Pilgrim Hall completed during the summer and ready for occupancy in September.

Enrollment for 1959-1960 has been down a little bit, the current quarter being something under 200 students. Four reasons appear as we try to analyze the situation and they include a slight increase in fees, raising standards of admission, the elimination of football, and the completion of their scholastic work by a large group of veterans.

Bobby Jack Pemberton is the new Director of Public Relations and Recruitment and is already busy visiting high schools and talking with prospective students. Drop him a note if you wish to see him.

The campaign for funds to improve and enlarge the college facilities has been met with initial success and is being quietly carried on. A real vote of appreciation is due to General Campaign Chairman Robert A. Russell of Alexander City and all of the volunteer workers who have secured the pledges and related the Southern Union story so many times to so many people.

The Board of Home Missions gave great encouragement not only to the faculty-staff, the students, trustees, and other friends of the college this year in making an appropriation of \$10,000.00 for the purpose of raising additional

funds with the promise that when \$40,000.00 has been secured, another \$10,000.00 would be forthcoming. Since the amount of pledges now surpasses \$75,000.00, the Board of Home Missions very graciously forwarded its second check for \$10,000.00.

In addition to the figures shown above, the Treasurer's books as of March 1, 1960 showed the following:

PLEDGES

Source	Amount	No.
1. Faculty-Staff	\$ 5,601.00	27
2. Wadley	13,828.50	49
3. Alexander City	50,410.00	60
4. Alumni	3,916.00	11
5. Atlanta	480.00	2
6. Birmingham	2,626.00	2
7. Outsiders	4,066.00	21
(Other than Ala.-Ga.)		
8. Roanoke	3,132.50	17
9. Students	89.30	10
10. Sylacauga	500.00	1
11. Talladega	610.00	2
12. Trustees	11,275.00	13
TOTALS	\$96,534.30	215
Less Duplications	20,782.00	51
(More than 1 source as in 2 & 12)		
NET PLEDGES	\$75,742.30	164

The National Women's Fellowship of the Congregational Christian Churches has appropriated the sum of \$50,000.00 from its Woman's Gift for 1960-1962 as a contribution toward the cost of the library. This must be added to the figures shown above. It will be paid to us as received by them.

The library has been greatly strengthened this year by numerous gifts of books, some new and many used, all of which has been greatly appreciated. A good library is the heart of a good college; 419 books were sent from Illinois; 21 from Rhode Island; 39 from Florida; 14 from Tennessee; 62 from Virginia; 4 from Kansas; 73 from Alabama; 3 from Washington, D. C.; and 1 from California. Westmoreland Church in Washington, D. C., also sent us 150 copies of the Pilgrim Hymnal.

While there are a lot of changes in all college faculties, we have been fortunate in holding on to a good hard core of teachers. The present number is 16 and Dean of Faculty Van Cleave has reported that our faculty compares very favorably with that of other colleges in our area, including senior colleges. There are 14 on the staff, several

DATES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

April 30 - May 1 — PF/YF Annual Meeting, Chattanooga, Tenn.

June 5-11 — Ky.-Tenn. Summer Conference

June 17-25 — National PF/YF, Elmhurst

June 19-July 3 — Work Camp at Franklinton Center, Bricks, N. C.

July 3-16 — Work Camp at Southern Union College

July 31-August 6 — Ala.-N. W. Fla. Summer Conference

August 14-20 — Georgia-South Carolina Summer Conference

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of them on a part time basis such as our Registrar and Treasurer.

The Thrift Shop, managed by Mrs. Jewel Van Cleave, continues to be an integral part of our life, the income being about \$5,000.00 for 1959. This provides another chance to say "thank you" to many people in the churches of the Southeast Convention. Clothes of all kinds are still needed, particularly those for men and children.

The Board of Trustees will hold its annual meeting at the college on Friday and Saturday, April 22-23, 1960. Present indication is that attendance will be exceptionally good this year.

The 1960 graduation exercises will be held on Sunday, June 5, the Baccalaureate being at 11:00 A. M., with Commencement at 2:00 P. M. The general public is cordially invited to attend these and all other general meetings.

While no church, institution or organization is free from criticism, we know that colleges are especially good targets for rumors and various kinds of criticism. We heartily welcome criticism with suggestions for improvements of our facilities and program. Our desire is frankly to build a college properly accredited, with emphasis on Christian Education, which all people can gladly support and be justly proud of. Again we thank all of you for your interest, prayers, students, and support.

Walter A. Graham, President

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